

REMARKS

Claims 3-5 and 7 are presented for consideration, with Claim 7 being the sole independent claim. Claims 1, 2, 6 and 8-11 have been cancelled without prejudice.

Claims 3-5 and 7 have been amended. No new matter has been added.

Applicants appreciate the indication that Claims 7 and 8 were objected to but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form. Claim 7 has been rewritten in independent form to include the limitations of independent Claim 1 and intervening Claim 6. Accordingly, Applicants submit that Claim 7 is allowable. Dependent Claims 3-5 depend from Claim 7 and should also be allowed.

In view of the foregoing, Applicants submit that this Amendment clearly places the application in condition for allowance. Accordingly, a Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested.

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